

Remarks

Claims 9 through 12, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Cern '210. The Examiner has, however, indicated that claims 13 through 18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, claims 13 through 18 have been recast in independent form by incorporating the features of the respective base claims. These claims are therefore allowable. Rejected method claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled as have former independent claims 9 and 10. New claims 21 to 26 correspond to former claims 11 and 12, which have accordingly been cancelled.

The Applicant submits that this communication is responsive to all remaining issues in this case and places the application into a position of allowance. Review and acceptance is requested as is passage to issuance of a United States patent.

No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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